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Beat The Rush

Please give us your copy on Mondays or at least by noon on Tuesdays. We are trying not to get swamped Tuesday nights.



Senator Leo Green (center) and Delegates Jim Hubbard and Joan Pitkin talk with Greenbelters about issues in the coming legislative session in Annapolis. —photo by Prospero Zevallos

Senator, Delegates Respond At Open Door Meeting

by James Giese

Education was the prime topic of discussion at the open door meeting held by Greenbelt's representatives to the state legislature on Saturday morning, January 16. Senator Leo Green, who chaired the meeting that gave citizens the opportunity to ask questions of the legislators and give them advice, spoke of greater funding provided by the Governor from state surplus funds for building schools and reducing class sizes. Delegate Joan Pitkin said that education was a priority for the delegates and noted that the county was seeking funding for the construction of 13 more schools in addition to the 13 authorized for funding construction over four years in last year's budget. Delegate James Hubbard warned, however, that the Prince George's County Board of Education was making the delegates job harder by not wanting to be accountable to the oversite committee created by the legislature last year to follow up on how state monies are being spent.

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The meeting got off to a slow start as only Green and Hubbard were present and many who became part of the audience were late in arriving. Pitkin, arriving late, apologized and with characteristic honesty noted that she had overslept. Delegate Mary Conroy did not attend the meeting.

In response to an opening question from Emory Harman, Green announced that "We do have a surplus. That is the good news. The economy is booming." He said that Maryland growth rate exceeded the national rate. The total surplus, he thought, would be about $675 million. After setting aside money for the state's rainy day fund, there would be about $200 million to spend or use for tax cuts. In addition, the state will receive at least $54 million in settlement of the tobacco industry law suit. The Governor has also proposed a one-dollar increase in the tax on cigarettes, 50 cents this year, another 50 cents next, with the money being allocated to education.

$1 Billion for Education

Pitkin reported that Governor Parris Glendening has proposed $1 billion for education over the next four years. Hubbard noted that County Executive Wayne Curry wants $140 million for 13 new schools from the pot. Green said that Glendening wanted to be known as the "education governor" and was seeking funding not only to build schools but to reduce class size, train noncertified teachers, and provide scholarships for students studying to be teachers, the recipients having to agree to teach

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Two More Hitchcock Films Extend Successful Festival

by Dorothy Sucher

The Old Master of movie suspense seems to have Greenbelt spellbound.

The Alfred Hitchcock Film Festival at the Greenbelt Theater will be continuing this week with "Dial M for Murder" and "To Catch a Thief," both starring Grace Kelly. They follow last week's successful screening of "North by Northwest," "Vertigo," and "Strangers on a Train."

Both of this week's films were made in the mid-1950s, but they are very different. "Dial M for Murder" was based on a hit Broadway melodrama by Frederick Knott, in which a tennis player (Ray Milland) plots the murder of his wealthy wife (Grace Kelly), who is showing an interest in another man (Robert Cummings).

Unlike many directors who try to introduce as much outside action as possible when making movies based on stage plays, Hitchcock said he believed in sticking closely to the tight confinement of the play. This approach gives "Dial M for Murder" an almost claustrophobic intensity. In an interview with the French director Francois Truffaut, a disciple of his, Hitchcock stated: "All of the action of 'Dial M for Murder' takes place in a living room, but that doesn't matter. I could just as well have shot the whole film in a telephone booth."

Shot in 3-D

However, it is likely that Hitchcock was also influenced by the fact that Warner Studios had forced him to shoot the picture with a cumbersome, stereoscopic camera the size of a small room, so that the film could be shown in 3-D. This was a brief fad of

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A dark and stormy night sets the scene for the Hitchcock Film Festival at the Old Greenbelt Theater. Where's the crowd? They're all inside. Mystery buffs packed the large screen theater all weekend and again on Monday night. The Festival has been extended through February 4.-

photo by Prospero Zevallos

Cable Franchise Renewal Subject of Feb. 8 Hearing

Several cable related issues will be on the agenda of the February 8 city council meeting. The meeting will begin with a public hearing to discuss the transfer of ownership from Jones Communications to Comcast. Comcast is in the process of becoming the parent company of Jones Communications. Although the cable company will be under new ownership, Comcast's immediate plans are to keep Jones Communications intact. Citizens will have the opportunity to ask questions concerning the transfer. Representatives from both Jones Communications and Comcast will be available at this meeting.

In preparation for the future regulation of cable television in Greenbelt, council will introduce an ordinance that will amend the city's existing cable television ordinance. The new ordinance will spell out legislative powers and cable obligations of any cable company entering the market in Greenbelt. All cable companies will be subject to the new Cable Ordinance. The Cable Ordinance will replace Chapter 5 of the City of Greenbelt City Code.

In addition, after years of negotiations, the Prince George's Cable Coalition, of which Greenbelt is a member, has reached agreement with Jones Communications to provide services under a new cable franchise agreement. The renewal of the franchise has taken into account the many shortcomings of Jones Communications and previous franchise holders. Steps have been taken to improve the overall system with a rebuild of the system to be completed within the first three years of the franchise. The rebuild will increase the amount of fiber optic cable in the system, which will improve the signal, greatly boost the backup power capabilities to reduce outages and include a monitoring system that can alert the company to problem areas. Steps will also be taken to make the

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What Goes On

Mon., Feb. 1, 8 p.m. City Council Worksession on Roosevelt Center Recreation Project, Municipal Building.

Tues., Feb. 2, 7:30 p.m. Community Relations Advisory Board, Municipal Building.

Wed., Feb. 3, 7:30 p.m. Advisory Planning Board, Community Center.

8 p.m. City Council Worksession with the Recycling Committee and New Deal Cafe, Community Center.

Large Crowds Fill Theater To See Hitchcock Films

by Sam Johns

When push came to shove, the Friends of the Greenbelt Theater shoved back in a hard way. After seeing successful business with the only area release of the newly remastered issue of "The Wizard of Oz" on a 40 foot screen and a weekend festival of the classic musicals with Dolby Surround Sound "The King and I" and "The Sound of Music," the Friends had seen their chances increase of keeping the old theater with its historic ambience with every dollar that residents from Greenbelt and the outlying area slapped down.

Hoping not to see this trend end, the Friends decided to hold another festival, but this time the films would be less cheerful than seeing Julie Andrews singing about the hills or Dorothy skipping down the yellow brick road with her friends. Instead, we would get a heavyset man's idea of a fun time behind the camera: cases of mistaken identity, lust for dead women, and of course, more espionage than you could shake a stick at.

Of course, these very weird topics could only be carried out by one heavyset man: Alfred Hitchcock, the man who has lulled many a man and woman into a false sense of security at one time or another in their lives. For the week of January 22 - 28, the Greenbelt Theater was home to three films by the man who many modern directors and movie critics look to as the beacon of how to entertain an audience while at the same time showing his artistic side: "North by Northwest," "Vertigo," and "Strangers on a Train."

"North by Northwest"

The festival kicked off with an afternoon showing of "North by Northwest," the 1959 film starring Hitchcock's favorite actor, Cary Grant, Oscar winner Eva Marie Saint, James Mason, and a very young Martin Landau. Although

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Letters

High Tea Next?

I wish to congratulate the merchants of Roosevelt Center for choosing a method of crowd control that has a marked positive aspect on the community. By selecting quality (classical) music, they are not only infuriating drug dealers, they are attracting a new and better class of idlers. Perhaps in the near future we will see: people in evening wear reclining on the benches; high tea being served on Sunday afternoons; people doing waltzes and gavottes to the music.

I started the Classical Music Broadcast Fund in July 1997 to replace the quality music once broadcast by WGTS. My plans include starting an FM microstation in Greenbelt that will broadcast nothing but quality music. It might be located in the Center and provide free samples there. For now, the merchants are making do with what is now on the air, and it is very good.

Doug Love

Sodden News

Last Saturday (Jan. 23) when I stepped outside my GHI townhouse, for the umteenth time I found a sodden, thoroughly soaked mass (mess) reclining sullenly on my front porch. I slowly recognized it to be the latest issue of the Greenbelt News Review. I would estimate that I have had this kind of experience up to 10 times a year. While this problem is usually due to precipitation (often well forecast in advance), to my dismay it also occasionally occurs when the wind is blowing very strongly. Then I can expect to see remnants of my paper frolicing gaily in the street, or dancing and prancing merrily about in someone else's yard.

It doesn't have to be this way. In my rather large court, every townhouse but one has a front storm door. Would it be too much to ask the deliverer to place the paper, whenever possible, inside the storm door out of harm's way (inclement weather), or to use some other reasonable alternative, so that the paper may be safely retrieved later on by the occupant in its pristine virgin form? I know it would take more time but there is a payoff. When Christmas time rolls around, and I am given the inevitable envelope which gently suggests a financial contribution to the deliverer, I can assure that individual that memories of these anger-provoking, weather-driven events flash across my mind, and most definitely influence the amount I write on the check that I eventually send. Enuf said.

Philip Brandis

Editors Note: Thanks for the reminder. Our circulation manager will remind the carriers in Old Greenbelt to secure the papers when possible. Specific delivery complaints (or compliments) should be referred to our circulation managers: Ian Tuckman (core of city) 301-459-5624, or Karim Fadli (SHL) 301-441-9120. In Greenbelt East, contact the Homeowners Association.

Register to Vote

A voter registration table will be at the Greenbelt Co-op on Sunday, February 7, between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Certified registrars will assist in filling out the form. Those who are not registered or who have moved since registering but did not notify the Board of Elections of their new address should take advantage of this event. Every vote makes a difference.

This voter registration opportunity is sponsored by Greenbelt Homes Inc., but is open to all eligible Prince George's County residents. Eligibility requirements for those registering include U.S. citizenship, that the voter be 18 on or before the next election, and have not more than one conviction of an "infamous" crime and not be under guardianship for mental disability.

Call Julia Eichhorst at 301-345-5508 for more information.

Diabetes Program At Laurel Hospital

A four-session program to teach diabetics self-care will be offered once a month at Laurel Regional Hospital, in Laurel. The February program will begin on February 6 at 8:30 a.m. Pre-registration is necessary.

The Diabetes Management Program offers 11 1/2 hours of instruction on self-care, including management through diet and monitoring of blood sugar. The program also addresses related physical, emotional and social issues. There is a fee for the patient; family members may attend at no charge. Costs may be covered by Medicare, Medicaid and some third-party insurance.

For more information and to pre-register, call 301-497-7983 or 410-792-2270, ext. 7983.

American Legion Honors Chaplains

The sinking of the American ship USAT Dorchester off the coast of Greenland on February 3, 1943, was the catalyst for an act which has become a hallmark for individual self-sacrifice and heroism. During the twenty-seven minutes of panic, from the time the torpedo hit the ship until it sank into the icy midnight waters, four chaplains of different faiths worked together to save as many of the troops as possible. At the end, having given away their own life jackets, they joined together on the deck in prayer as the ship went down.

Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 will hold a ceremony honoring this collective act of bravery on Sunday, February 7, at 1 p.m. in the Legion Hall on Greenbelt Road. Members of the community are invited to attend.

Participants in this service will include Mike Riston, commander, and Sam Hofberg, chaplain of the American Legion, Department of Maryland; Jim Welsh, commander, Greenbelt Post #136; Rose Unruh, president, Greenbelt Unit #136, American Legion Auxiliary; Msgr. William O'Donnell, St. Thomas of the Apostles; Pastor Daniel Hamlin, Greenbelt Community Church; Rabbi Jonathan Cohen, Mishkan Torah Synagogue; and Pastor Stephen Mentz, Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Music will be provided by Eleanor Roosevelt High School students featuring bugler Kyle James, and "The Suspenders," a music ensemble under the direction of Greenbelt resident Christopher Fominaya, with soloists Tessa Jones, and Rebecca Brown, Tina Lanier, Candace Smith, Samantha Kling, Steven Lard, Mark Pitts, James Cornwell-Sheil, and Peter Bensch.

For information call Sam Hofberg, 301-552-9582 or Rusty Beeg, 301-577-3025.

Indian Creek Valley Coalition to Form

The Greenbelt Friends of Indian Creek Valley and Citizens for a Better Environment for College Park are holding a joint meeting in the Greenbelt Community Center at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 31. The group plans to form a coalition to guide the future of the Indian Creek Valley. Anyone interested is invited to attend the meeting.

Education Programs at Research Refuge

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Patuxent Research Refuge-North Tract announces the following education programs for February:

Basics of Birding, Saturday, February 6, 7:30-11:30 a.m. - ages 16 and older. Lecture and walk focusing on bird identification, habitats, and equipment. Binoculars and field guide recommended.

Snags Alive! Sunday, February 7, 2-3 p.m., ages 8 and older. Discover the role that snags, hollow trees, and rotting logs play in the forest ecosystem, and the wildlife habitat they provide.

Bird Walk, Monday, February 8, 9-11 a.m.- ages 16 and older. Learn to identify winter resident birds on this guided walk. Bring binoculars and field guides.

Extinction, Tuesday, February 9, 1-2 p.m., ages 8 and older. Discover the causes of extinction and what animals are likely to become endangered or extinct.

Marvelous Mammals, Thursday, February 11, 1-2 p.m. - ages 5-7. Discover what all mammals have in common and the unique adaptations that some mammals have developed.

Going Batty, Friday, February 12, 1-2 p.m., ages 8 and older. Discover the myths surrounding bats and the beneficial role they play in the environment.

Animal Actions, Sunday, February 14, 2-2:45 p.m. - ages 4-6. Discover how animals get from place to place.

On the Wild Side, Monday, February 15, 1-2 p.m. - ages 4 and older (held at the National Wildlife Visitor Center, Powder Mill Road, Laurel). Schools are out, so come explore the differences between domestic and wild animals in this interactive program, which includes a puppet presentation.

Avant-Garde Music At Tawes Fine Arts

On Monday, February 1, the renowned Dutch Bass Clarinet virtuoso, Harry Sparnaay, will perform in concert at 8 p.m. in the Ulrich Recital Hall of Tawes Fine Arts Building. Works to be performed include solo pieces for bass clarinet and selections for bass clarinet and tape by American and European composers, including Martin Wesley-Smith, Mauricio Kagel, Hans Otte, Athanasia Tzanou, Claudio Ambrosini, and Wayne Siegel. Admission is free; the public is invited to attend. For additional information please call 301-405-1150 or e-mail <concerts@deans.umd.edu>.

T. Smithson Rejoins CARES Staff

Teresa Smithson has rejoined the CARES staff as a half-time Family Counselor. Smithson had been with CARES from spring 1992 until fall 1996. She will jobshare with Tammy Mountcastle, who moved to half-time status in October.

Boundary Hearings Locations Changed

The Prince George's County Board of Education has modified the schedule for upcoming public hearings on proposed school boundary changes. Meetings scheduled for February 3 at Robert Goddard Middle School and Parkdale High School have been cancelled. Persons from School Board Districts 2 (Greenbelt district) and 4 should attend the February 3 meeting at Kenmoor Middle School, located at 2500 Kenmoor Drive in Landover.

Speakers will have two minutes to express their views during the hearing. To register to speak, contact the School Board office at 301-952-6115, by 4 p.m. on the day of the hearing.

Support Group Meets Feb. 3

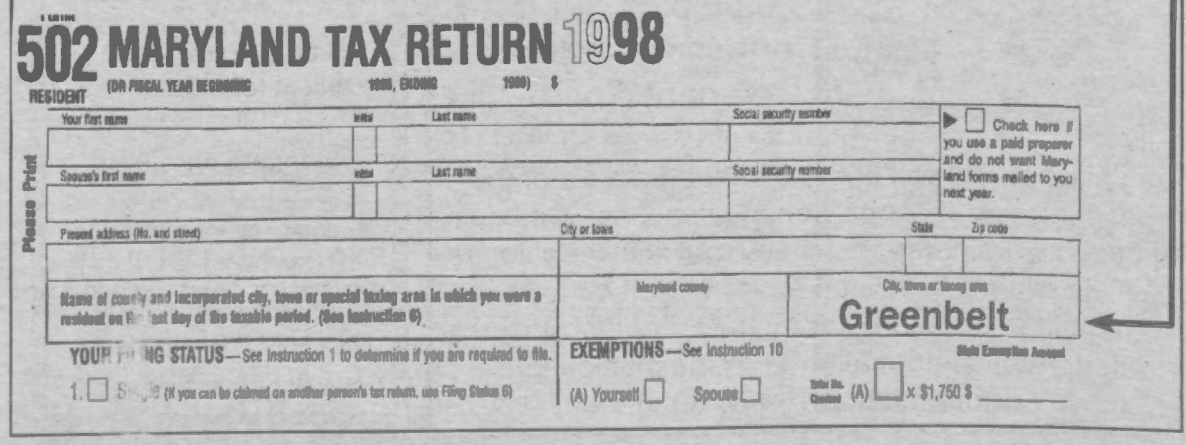
On Wednesday, February 3, there will be a free support group meeting for families dealing with serious mental illness. The meeting will take place at 7 p.m. at Bowie City Hall, 2614 Kenhill Drive, in Bowie.

For information call Jane Kelley, 301-577-6026.

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OFFICE HOURS: **Monday** 2 - 4 p.m., 8 - 10 p.m., **Tuesday** 8 - 10 p.m.

Community Events

Remote China Is Explorations Topic

On Friday, February 5, Explorations Unlimited presents "Travels in Remote Areas of China." The presenter is Dr. Donald H. Messersmith.

Dr. Messersmith is a professor emeritus (retired) of the Department of Entomology at the University of Maryland, where he still teaches courses in entomology, ornithology, and environmental education. His travels have taken him to every continent and 120 countries, primarily to look for birds and to photograph what he sees.

"Explorations Unlimited" is a speaker series held every Friday from 1-3 p.m. at the Community Center. This presentation will be held in the Senior Classroom. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are always encouraged. Please call 301-397-2208 for more information.

Roosevelt Students Present "42nd Street"

by Nelda Young

One of Broadway's most popular musicals comes to Greenbelt when Eleanor Roosevelt High School's Music Department presents "42nd Street" on February 5 - 7.

Though set during the hard times of the Depression, "42nd Street" is brimful of youthful vitality. The cast sings and dances through the ups and downs of auditions, casting, rehearsals, and opening night as they put on a show called "Pretty Lady." Popular numbers include "42nd Street," "We're in the Money," and "Lullaby of Broadway."

Andrew Blunck portrays Andy Lee, the casting director. Kristen Silvestro is Dorothy, the troupe's star and leading lady, while Melissa Coleman plays Peggy, an aspiring young actress to whom surprising things happen.

Directing the play is Robert Garman, a new drama teacher at ERHS.

Tickets are available at the door or can be purchased in advance by mail from Ann Castaldi at ERHS. Show times are 7:30 p.m. on February 5 and 6 and 2:30 p.m. on February 7.

Y2K Weekly Meetings At Community Center

Join Greenbelt residents on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center Dining Hall #1 for contingency planning on Y2K (year 2000) problems. Meetings are held to help lessen the impact of potential problems relating to home, finances and community. For more information call Steve Kane at 301-441-3809 or email: srkane@earthlink.net.

At the Library

Children's Programs

Wednesday, February 3, 7 p.m. P.J. Storytime for ages 4 - 6.

Thursday, February 4, 10:15 a.m. Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 - 5.

11:15 a.m. Toddler Time for two-year-olds and parent or caregiver.

Adult Programs

Wednesday, February 3, 7 p.m. Romance nights at the Library. Reading and book signing by romance writer Rebecca York, author of "Shattered Lullaby." This latest romantic suspense novel has been honored as Harlequin Intrigue's 500th book and as a Top Pick by Romantic Times.

Saturday, February 6, 10:30 a.m. Poetry Workshop for Adults—a reading and discussion group for adults.

Garden Club to Hear About Rose Culture

The Greenbelt Home & Garden Club will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, February 2 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Elementary School, 66 Ridge Rd., in the media center. The guest speaker will be Joann Crystal from the Potomac Rose Society, who will speak on "Drying Roses." She will also answer questions about the care and feeding of roses in the garden.

A short business meeting will precede the speaker. The public is invited to attend. For information contact Diane Kremer at 301-345-5356.

Coast Guard Offers Boat Safety Course

Flotilla 24, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, is again offering its basic boating safety course to the public. This course is offered at no charge, other than the cost of the materials, as a service to promote boating safety.

Classes will be held weekly beginning on Thursday, February 4, for a total of 13 weeks. The classes will run from 7:30 to 9:30 each Thursday evening. The location is Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

The "Boating Skills and Seamanship" course is an approved course for certification under the Maryland Boating Safety Education Law, which requires persons born after July 1, 1972 to complete an approved boating safety education course prior to operation of a powerboat.

For further information call Mary Moscati at 301-336-8784.

FOGL to Help Plan Library's 60th

Friends of the Greenbelt Library (FOGL) will meet on Wednesday, February 3, at 7 p.m. in the library. All interested in furthering the interests of Greenbelt Library are welcome.

This meeting is important because FOGL is joining library staff in planning a 60th Anniversary of Greenbelt Library celebration, to begin in late spring.

Volunteers are still needed for Tuesday and Wednesday evenings in the reopened bookstore. Hours are Monday - Wednesday 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Thursday, 1 - 3 p.m. and Saturday, 11 - 3 p.m.

For more information, call 301-474-2192 or 301-441-8249 and leave name and phone numbers.

Free Film "Network" Shown on February 8

by Martha Kaufman

The movie of the month at the Greenbelt Community Center will be shown on Monday, February 8 at 1 p.m. in the Senior Classroom.

The film "Network" stars Peter Finch, Faye Dunaway and William Holden in a provocative and outrageous satire about a network news department that will do anything to grab an audience. Paddy Chayefsky wrote the original script and the picture won four Academy Awards.

Alexander Technique Class for Seniors

A course about the Alexander Technique will be offered for senior citizens beginning February 10 at the Greenbelt Community Center. The Alexander Technique is an effective method for changing bad postural and movement habits that cause discomfort as people age. Learning about the technique is pleasant and does not involve strenuous exercise. In addition to lectures and demonstrations, students receive gentle hands-on guidance from the teacher while performing simple movements designed to improve awareness, coordination, and freedom of movement. The class will meet Wednesday mornings at 9 a.m. Seniors can register at the Community Center or through Prince George's Community College. For more information, call Chris Cherry at 301-474-2325.

Golden Age Club

by Dolores Capotosto

The February 3 meeting of the Golden Age Club will be the monthly business meeting. There will be a board meeting at 10:30 a.m. in the Senior Classroom with the new president, Bill Souser, presiding.

The Golden Age trip to the Corcoran Art Gallery and Sholl's Cafeteria on January 21 brought back memories for some — yours truly remembers school trips there in the 30s! The gift shop was very nice and not overly expensive.

The next Golden Age trip will be to Toby's dinner theater, to see "Children of Eden," on February 10. See the travel committee at meetings to sign up for trips.

At the January 27 meeting, Tom Moran spoke on taxes and the recent changes made by the government. Seniors can make an appointment to have tax forms prepared by calling 301-248-6604.

Vice President Joe Wilkinson reports that E.J's Landing Restaurant has been reserved for the Golden Age birthday luncheon in April. Wilkinson chairs the committee for this event. Remember, dues have to be paid up in order to attend.

We urge members to attend meetings and help plan events for 1999. All projects need volunteers, so let the president know if you can devote some time.

We hope all who have recently been sick are feeling better now, especially Chris Elliott, Phyllis Budin, and June Francisco. We hear that our friend Shirley Eggenreider is home from the hospital.

GHI Notes

Blood pressure testing will be available Wednesday, February 3 from 2 to 4 p.m.

The Finance Committee will meet February 4 in the Board Room at 7:30 p.m.

Board of Directors' meetings are scheduled for February 11 and 18 at 7:30 p.m. Members are encouraged to attend.

Course for Writers To Begin Feb. 12

Telling Your Story, a new writing course, will be on the list of offerings at the Greenbelt Community Center. The course will be offered beginning February 12 at the Greenbelt Community Center on Friday mornings from 9-11 a.m. The course, taught by Dorrie Bates, is designed to help writers at all levels get their words on paper using a variety of techniques and formats. All types of writing will be considered; writers may work on autobiographies or family histories, poetry or short fiction. All that is required is paper, pen and a willingness to try.

Bates has been a Prince George's Community college instructor for five years. She currently teaches writing and literature courses in the OASIS program and has given several talks at the Community Center as part of their Explorations Unlimited program. For questions relating to this course, please contact the Greenbelt Community Center at 301-397-2208.

FOGT Group Meets

The Friends of the Greenbelt Theater will hold its next meeting on February 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center.

In addition to the crowds that bought movie tickets and popcorn to the tune of $6,179, FOGT reports donations of over $600 this past weekend ($3,600 since November, after t-shirts were purchased).

New Deal Cafe

Open Fri & Sat, 7-11 pm



Music 8:30 pm No cover

Fri., Jan. 29
OPEN MIKE
Sat., Jan. 30
New Deal Sing-a-long
All your favorite folk songs
Come take your turn at the mike

Donations for Musicians Encouraged
Sunday Brunch 10 to 3
Greenbelt Community Center
(301) 474-5642

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

Alfred Hitchcock Film Festival!
Starting Friday, January 29th, 1999
Admission $3.00 for each film or a three film ticket for $7.50

Friday
To Catch a Thief 5:00
Dial M for Murder 7:30
Vertigo 9:30

Saturday
Vertigo 2:00
Strangers on a Train 4:30
To Catch a Thief 7:15
Dial M for Murder 9:40

Sunday
Strangers On a Train 2:00
Vertigo 4:30
Dial M For Murder 7:15
To Catch a Thief 9:20

Mon. - all seats $3.00
Dial M for Murder 7:30
Tues all seats $3.00
Stangers on a Train 7:30
Wed. - all seats $3.00
Dial M for Murder 7:30
Thurs. - all seats $3.00
To Catch a Thief 7:30
www.pgtheatres.com

Greenbelt Municipal/Public Access TV Channel B-10 Schedule

MUNICIPAL ACCESS-301-474-8000
Tuesday and Thursday, February 2 and 4

6:00 p.m. Senator Leo Green presents "People and Places-Legislative Session 1999"
6:30 p.m. MNCPPC presents "Your Open Road-Come Fly with Us" A look at the College Park Airport Museum
6:45 p.m. "Open Door Meeting with Senator Leo Green and the Delegates of the 23rd District"

PUBLIC ACCESS PROGRAMMING ON WEDNESDAYS
FOR INFORMATION CALL-301-507-6581

Public Hearing on the Proposed Transfer of Jones Communications to Comcast

February 8,1999
8:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers
25 Crescent Road

A public hearing will be held on the transfer of the parent company of Jones Communications. Comcast will become the parent company, but will keep Jones intact. The public is invited to voice their concerns at this meeting. For more information, contact Beverly Palau, Public Information and Communications Coordinator, 301-474-8000.

OBITUARY

Margaret A. Sparks

Longtime Greenbelt resident Margaret (Peg) Sparks died January 15 at Doctor's Community Hospital.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, on October 18, 1923, Peg graduated from Kingston High School in 1942. She continued her education and became a registered nurse, graduating from the school of nursing at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. She was a member of the class of 1945. Shortly after marrying J. Eugene Sparks on September 18, 1945, she moved with him to Texas and then to Greenfield, Massachusetts. It was there that her three sons were born. The family moved to Maryland in 1958 and settled on Empire Place in Greenbelt one year later.

Mrs. Sparks worked as a registered nurse at Walter Reed Hospital for several years. She also worked on the children's wing at Glenn Dale Hospital and later in a private practice in College Park. Near the end of her career, she conducted medical physicals for insurance companies. She retired in 1987. She later did volunteer work for Prince George's County.

Peg's husband Gene preceded her in death. She is survived by her three sons, Guy, Kenneth, and John Sparks; her daughters-in-law, Marjorie and Debra Sparks; her sister Jeanne Sweeney; and her grandchildren, Heather, Sean, Justin, and Sheila Sparks, and Sherry Mullikin.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, January 19 at Gasch's Funeral Home in Hyattsville. Her granddaughter Heather read a moving poem she wrote for her grandmother at the funeral service. Interment was at Ft. Lincoln Cemetery next to her husband.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Howard Baker Nursing Scholarship, c/o Greenbelt American Legion, 6900 Greenbelt Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

ERHS Oasis Provides Tutoring & Study Help

by Mary Moien

The Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) Cluster of schools will be offering tutoring and other workshops at the school beginning on February 2. This project — The Oasis Program —includes individual tutoring, a study skills workshop, a computer lab where students can prepare for the SAT tests, as well as a new program for French Immersion students. All activities are free. Walk-in registration has already been held; however, parents can register their students by calling the Oasis office at 301-614-3451. Tutor volunteers at all grade levels are also needed as there are usually more students seeking help than tutors available.

Tutoring

Free individual tutoring is available on Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings at ERHS for students in grades 2 through 12.

French Immersion Program

This program, also available on Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings will provide students at all grade levels an opportunity to review French grammar, reading, and essay writing skills that will be tested on the Grand Concours and MSPAP exams.

SAT Lab

The SAT Computer Lab will provide students with the opportunity to practice skills that will be tested on the SAT exam. This lab is available on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon and is walk-in with no pre-registration required.

Study Skills Workshop

This program will be held each Tuesday for students in grades 6 through 9 to review a variety of strategies for effective study habits.

Roundtable Discussions

In addition to the workshops described above, the Human Relations Commission will be sponsoring roundtable discussions for youths in areas such as racial/ethnic tension, violence, healthy and responsible dating relationships, substance abuse, etc. Adults are encouraged to join a study group to discuss race relations or multicultural diversity. For information on the roundtable discussions, contact Julie or Cheryl at 301-883-6170.

Our Neighbors

Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the death of Margaret (Peg) Sparks, a retired registered nurse and longtime resident of Empire Place. We send condolences to the Sparks family.

Congratulations to:

Michelle Carter, a member of the class of 1999 at Loyola College of Maryland, who received the Cura Personalis award presented to students who, through their volunteer service to the community, have embodied the Ignatian ideal of care for the individual person.

Suzanne Moien, on the Dean's List for the fall 1998 semester at the University of Maryland, College Park. (This means she had at least a grade point average of 3.5.) Suzanne, daughter of Mary and Barry Moien of Woodland Way, was a 1996 graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

Rosemary Reiss, daughter of Theodore Reiss of Parkway, was named to the Dean's List at Hamilton College for the 1998 fall semester. Reiss is also an ERHS graduate.

Dorsey Chapel Offers Historic Places Talk

"Documenting African-American Historic Places," a lecture by Susan Pearl, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) historian and author of the "African-American Heritage Survey, 1996," will take place at Dorsey Chapel, an historic African-American site, on Saturday, February 6, at 2 p.m. Admission is free. The Chapel is located at 10704 Brookland road, Glenn Dale. For information or directions, call 301-352-5544 or TTY 301-699-2544.

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HITCHCOCK

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this film had the unfortunate fate of being filmed after "Vertigo" and before "Psycho," both considered Hitchcock's masterpieces, it is still revered in the world of film and should not be overlooked.

With "North by Northwest," Hitchcock seemed to go back to the films he created when he was in Britain during the 1930s, when he produced the bulk of his spy movies like "The Lady Vanishes" and "The 39 Steps." The film moves along at a frantic pace with barely enough time for the audience to grab a gasp of breath before another thrill comes shooting across the screen. The way Hitchcock was able to achieve this effect is pure movie bliss: Hitchcock edits his film to the point where there is nothing left to watch except for the gunfire to come or for the final punch to be thrown. Even after all that has occurred, Hitchcock doesn't stop: he forces the actor's face into the shot, forming extreme closeups so we in the audience can see the sweat literally forming on the foreheads of the actors.

Although Cary Grant will always be known for his flighty romantic roles, his work in Hitchcock's films, and especially in "North by Northwest," is just as good, and may be even better for one simple reason: Grant is human to Hitchcock. Alfred Hitchcock never really looked at his actors as performers who read lines for him; he looked at them as real people. Therefore, when Cary Grant is running from the cropduster in the empty cornfield, the look on his face is pure terror, and that is what Hitchcock wanted. When Grant sweated, he was really sweating bullets. While Hitchcock shot Grant in a way that causes us to look at him as human, he filmed Eva Marie Saint in a way that leaves us confused as to what her true stake in the movie is. Shooting her bathed in soft lights, Hitchcock gives us the impression that Saint is going to be the only one who keeps Grant's crime under wraps. But with the shadows that eclipse one side of Saint's face, we really can't tell what she will do, and that is what Hitchcock wants us to do: keep guessing.

"Vertigo"

Released the year before "North by North," "Vertigo" is a thrilling, chilling, and beautifully made film that only Hitchcock could create. Starring Jimmy Stewart, Hitchcock's other favorite actor, and Kim Novak, Hitchcock took every single page out of the director's handbook and used it to perfection in this movie.

"Vertigo" seems to have marked a new beginning in the way Hitchcock was planning to direct his films. One of the most obvious new techniques is the use of different camera angles, the best case being the first instance when we see Jimmy Stewart experiencing vertigo. As we look down at the street below, it seems to undulate back and forth and swirl around, making the viewers feel as if they themselves are getting dizzy watching from this height, and that they too are experiencing the fear of heights. Another new trick in Hitchcock's arsenal is the use of animation in the middle of the film such as in the bouquet of flowers that Kim Novak carries. When we get our first glimpse of the flowers, the petals suddenly start to break off and begin to perform a musical routine very unsettling to watch because it signifies that we are seeing the breakdown of Stewart's psyche, an impression later shown to be fact when, in another animated sequence, Hitchcock sends Stewart spiraling (literally) into a world of madness.

Just as he had done with Cary Grant, Hitchcock took Stewart, one of the mainstays of early Hollywood, and turned him into a man with foibles, curiosities, and a hubris that ultimately sends him to his downfall. Watching Stewart's performance in this film is like watching a man fall slowly into the sort of sick and twisted world that love can send some people into if they are not careful or strong of will. Unfortunately, a sad streak in Hitchcock's films began with "Vertigo," the actresses being treated as nothing more than background. Although Kim Novak gives a blistering and dangerous performance in some scenes all she does is block for Hitchcock to place some action in a scene.

Not only are these films a great treat to see (the only way Hitchcock's films should be seen is on the big screen), but the money earned at the Greenbelt Theater also went to help a great cause, a fact that didn't escape the city's residents or its outlying communities. The Friday night showings of "North by Northwest" and "Vertigo" were filled to capacity, every seat filled (despite the chilling temps and the constant rain), with the promise of even more sellouts during the week. Although many of the theatergoers came to help out the cause, their minds were solely on enjoying the movie, even if they had seen them when they first came out.

George Mill of Greenbelt, one of the many who braved the elements to see the films and claims to have seen 43 of Hitchcock's 53 films, said that although he has seen the majority of Hitchcock's films, "Nothing beats seeing them on the big screen."

Lee Shields of Greenbelt shares this attitude. Shields stated that he had seen "North by Northwest" when it was first released and owns the film on video, but the big screen, he says, is the only way to see it.

The Alfred Hitchcock Film Festival Box Score

Friday, January 22	
Total Patrons	432
Single Ticket Sales	$975
TripleTix Sales	$802.50
Saturday, January 23	
Total Patrons	481
Single Ticket Sales	$1,251
TripleTix Sales	$480
Sunday, January 24	
Patrons	308
Ticket	
Concession Sales	$1071.50
Weekend Totals	
Patrons	1,221
Concession Sales	$1,599
Total Sales	$6,179

FILMS

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the period just after the introduction of television, when dwindling movie audiences were given Polaroid spectacles that made the images on the screen appear three-dimensional. Nevertheless, once "Dial M for Murder" was released, it was mostly shown in the normal, flat version that Greenbelt audiences will see this week.

In the opening credits, Hitchcock wanted to show a closeup of a hand dialing a phone. Unfortunately, the stereoscopic camera was unable to get a clear enough focus, so a huge telephone dial and a big wooden finger had to be constructed for the shot.

Grace Kelly

"Dial M for Murder" was the first Hitchcock film to star Grace Kelly, whom the director called the most cooperative actress he ever directed. "Dial M" was an important film for her, since it was the first really to show her icy beauty to best advantage. Hitchcock stated several times that she especially appealed to him because her sex appeal was "indirect."

The portly director, whose obsessions with his various leading ladies played an important part in his creative process, was so enraptured with Grace Kelly that he managed to lose 100 pounds around the time "To Catch a Thief" was made.

In this film, which he called "a lightweight story" and shot on the French Riviera, Kelly's role had more substance. Unlike in the tightly-confined "Dial M for Murder," the camera ranges freely, taking full advantage of the locale, especially in a classic chase scene on the Grande Corniche.

The film stars Cary Grant as a suave retired jewel thief. He comes under suspicion when the area is hit by a string of jewel robberies and finds himself forced to conduct his own investigation. He meets and falls in love with Grace Kelly, but gradually begins to suspect that she is the thief.

Pushed the Boundaries

The dialogue between the stars of "To Catch a Thief" was daring for its day, with its verbal and visual sexual innuendos. Film buffs will enjoy particularly the intercutting of the shots of the fireworks during a scene of an intimate dinner in Grace Kelly's apartment. "To Catch a Thief" is one of the films of the 50s that extended the limits of adult humor shown on the screen.

Hitchcock Cameos

In both movies, as in most of Hitchcock's films, the director makes a brief cameo appearance. In "To Catch a Thief" he may be seen sitting next to Cary Grant on a bus. Audiences will have to stay alert to catch him in "Dial M for Murder," however.

Science Scholarships For Minorities

The American Chemical Society will award more than 200 college scholarships, totaling $2,500 each, to African-American, Hispanic, and American Indian high school students. Minority science students are encouraged to apply by contacting the Minority Affairs Office of the American Chemical Society at 1-800-227-5558 (x6250) prior to February 15. The scholarships are awarded on merit and financial need.

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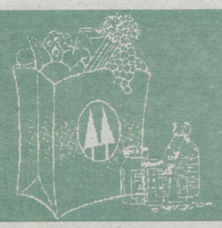
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teach in Maryland for four years after getting their degrees. Both Hubbard and Pitkin referred to a meeting to be held on January 22 by the House Appropriations Committee, upon which Pitkin serves, with the county school board. Her committee is deeply concerned about the lack of progress in implementing audit recommendations and the lack of a clear strategic plan to guide the system implementation. Hubbard warned that the forthcoming report of the legislative oversite committee would not be positive. "The Board of Education seems to think that a 3.2% increase in MSPAP [Maryland School Performance Assessment Program] scores is good enough for them to come down and put gloss over accountability and ask for money," he said. But the oversite committee has had problems in receiving information from the school board. "The school board is making our job harder by not wanting to be accountable to the oversite committee for funding," he continued. "If we don't get the school board to start moving in that direction, we will have a much tougher time, if we can at all, in getting funds out of the appropriations committee in the next four years." The January 22 hearing by the Appropriations Committee proved to be rancorous, according to newspaper accounts, with Committee Chair Howard Rawlings criticizing the board for its hiring practices and Board of Education Member Kenneth E. Johnson subsequenting calling on House Speaker Caspar Taylor to "recuse" Rawlings from matters to do with the county schools because he was "prejudiced.")

Exceptions

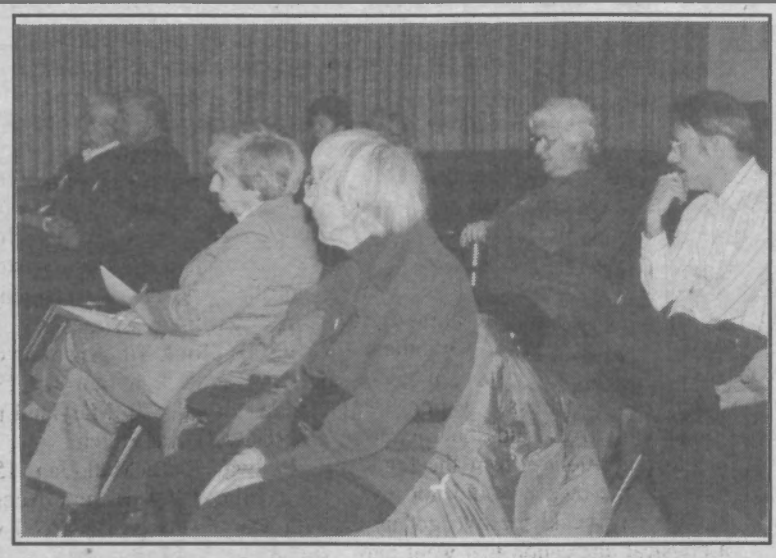
Janet Parker took exception to both the criticism of low MSPAP test scores and high percentage of noncertified teachers. MSPAP doesn't consider the problems resulting from the transitory status of many children, and the inability for an education program to teach children who are constantly changing schools, she said. The fact that a teacher is noncertified does not mean that the person is not qualified to teach, just that the person has not taken the state's prescribed courses, she agreed, Hubbard noted that low MSPAP scores were closely related to indicators of poverty levels among students and that lack of teacher certification directly related to a shortage of teachers. Pitkin said that she was looking at a bill that would provide extra compensation to teachers that were certified so that they would remain in the state instead of going elsewhere. Green noted that there was a direct correlation between low scores and teacher certification. He has a bill that would allow Maryland retired teachers on state pension to come back to teach without being penalized. He said that a Virginia retired teacher had recently been hired to teach at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, but that it was not possible to bring back a Maryland retired teacher without the person being penalized by his or her pension being reduced.

Mary Chapman told the delegates that teaching noncertified courses was very demanding upon teachers. In the middle school in which she taught, she (and many other teachers) had to teach one class out of her field and that class required far more of her time and took away from her time with pupils that are in need of extra help.

New Taxes

Harman asked about proposals to raise new taxes in light of the surplus. Proposals have been made to increase the gasoline tax, the sales tax, and the upper levels of the graduated state income tax, as well as the cigarette tax. Both Green and Hubbard thought the increase in the cigarette tax would occur. Green said that there was a one-in-50 chance for the gasoline tax increase to pass and a one-in-100 chance for the sales tax increase to pass.

Isaac Robinson thought that a higher gasoline tax would discourage people from commuting long distances and be beneficial for the environment. Pitkin disagreed, however, noting that the increased tax would provide more funds to build highways that would contribute to urban sprawl. Green said that there was a big funding need to pay for a new Woodrow Wilson bridge for Interstate 95 to cross the Potomac River. The $1.8 billion cost is unfunded with the expectation that Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia will have to fund half the cost. He also noted that mass transit budgets were going up in both the Washington and Baltimore areas. However, he felt that a tax increase was not needed this year.



Greenbelters offer advice to their legislators at the Open Door meeting on January 16. —photo by Prospero Zevallos

Pitkin noted efforts to not fund mass transit with highway funds. The proposal to raise the sales tax was to provide separate funding for transit. "We need to continue to fight for transit," she said.

Green said that he expected the surplus to provide some tax cuts. He hoped that it would accelerate the implementation of income tax cuts previously authorized by the legislature to be instituted over a five year period of time. He also supported increasing the income exemption for senior citizens from $15,000 to $32,000. He noted that although Maryland has a high income tax rate, the state was only 33rd among the states in the amount of total taxes paid by its residents.

City Needs

Mayor pro tem Thomas White appeared on behalf of the city. The city council would like state financing assistance for the repair and preservation of the Mother and Child statue at Roosevelt Center in original "Greenbelt." It also seeks aid for the restoration of the movie theater facade sign that read "Greenbelt" and was placed over the marquee at the historic commercial center. The city also supports proposed legislation by the Maryland Municipal League that would protect municipal rights over public rights-of-way if utilities are deregulated. Other city-supported league legislation relates to municipal liability protection for computer problems relating to the year 2000 (the Y2K bug) and increased state funding support for municipal police.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Jan. 15, 8:48 p.m., a cab driver picked up two men at the Greenbelt Metro station and drove them to the 9000 block of Breezewood Drive. Upon arrival, one of the men produced a silver-barreled handgun and demanded money from the driver. After being given a quantity of currency, the men fled on foot.

6500 block of Capitol Drive, Jan. 16, 7:12 a.m., two men in a vehicle stopped purportedly to assist a man whose vehicle had become disabled on Greenbelt Road. They used their vehicle to push the man's vehicle onto Capitol Drive. When he exited his vehicle, one of them put an unknown object against his back and told him not to turn around. The robbers frisked the victim and took his wallet, which contained currency and a bank card. They then fled the area in their vehicle and proceeded west on Greenbelt Road toward Kenilworth Avenue. The suspects are described as two black males in their 20s, medium complexion, 6'1", 180-200 lbs., both wearing yellow and black puffy jackets. One was wearing a blue ball cap with "NY" in white letters and the other was wearing a black skull cap. Their vehicle is described as an older-model burgundy Chevrolet Caprice, square "police-style" model, possibly with gray primer on it.

Beltway Plaza Mall, Jan. 16, 2:06 p.m., two male youths attempted to rob a man at gunpoint in a restroom. The victim struck the armed youth on the arm, causing the gun to fall to the floor. The victim then attempted to restrain the youth who had been armed; however, he broke free and both would-be robbers fled on foot. The weapon the suspect had used turned out to be a BB pistol.

Edmonston Terrace at Edmonston Court, Jan. 18, 9:02 p.m., a cab driver was dropping off two men when one of them placed a dark semi-automatic handgun at his neck. They took money from the victim and fled on foot.

Sexual Assault

6100 block of Springhill Drive, Jan. 16, 3:50 a.m., a woman accepted a ride from a man at a 7-11 store in Landover. The man drove the woman to Springhill Lake, where he sexually assaulted her in the vehicle. He then kicked her out of the vehicle and fled the area. The suspect is described as a black male with a gray beard and wearing a gray shirt and black pants; he was operating a green Dodge Caravan.

Assault

Beltway Plaza Mall, Jan. 16, 7:53 p.m., a former employee of a retail establishment attempted to retrieve a paycheck. An argument ensued over money she allegedly owed the business. When the former employee said she was going to take money from the register since the owner would not give her the paycheck, the two got into a physical altercation that went into the mall area. The owner used pepper spray against the former employee, allegedly in self defense. Both were advised of the procedure for obtaining warrants.

Drugs

5700 block of Metro Drive, Jan. 19, 8:35 a.m., a 23-year-old male nonresident already in custody was arrested after being found to have a quantity of crack cocaine in his possession. He was left with the Department of Corrections for a hearing.

Burglary and Theft

9100 block of Edmonston Road, Jan. 15, 3:31 p.m., a laptop computer was reported stolen from an office suite.

Hotline on Drugs

The Greenbelt Police Department needs the help of residents. Any citizen with information about possible drug activity in the city is encouraged to call the Greenbelt Narcotics Hot Line at 301-507-6522. Callers may remain anonymous.

6900 block of Hanover Parkway, Jan. 17, 1:33 p.m., entry into a residence was attempted by prying both the front and balcony doors.

6600 block of Lake Park Drive, Jan. 17, 7:29 p.m., entry into a residence was attempted by prying a ground-floor window.

9300 block of Edmonston Road, Jan. 18, 2:12 a.m., currency, home electronic equipment, and jewelry were stolen. The method of entry is unknown.

20 court of Ridge Road, Jan. 18, 10:13 a.m., gift cards, sports plaques, a backpack, a football jersey, and watches were reported stolen. Entry was gained by removing a rear window from its frame.

19 court of Ridge Road, Jan. 18, 11:08 a.m., a .357 Magnum handgun, a BB pistol, and coins were reported stolen. Entry was gained by reaching in through the pet entry in an exterior door and unlocking the door.

Roosevelt Center, Jan. 18, 4:50 p.m., speakers that were attached to the outside of a building were reported stolen.

6300 block of Ivy Lane, Jan. 19, it was reported that blank checks taken from an office during a burglary on Jan. 15 had been cashed. Investigation is ongoing.

7800 block of Cloister Place, Jan. 20, 6:26 p.m., a 20" Huffy BMX bicycle was reported stolen from the backyard of a residence.

Vehicle Crimes

6200 block of Breezewood Drive, Jan. 15, a maroon 1994 Honda Accord with Maryland tags NKRUMAH was stolen.

Beltway Plaza Mall, Jan. 15, a light blue 1994 Honda Accord with Maryland tags DXF 863 was stolen.

6500 block of Capitol Drive, Jan. 20, a black 1996 four-door Cadillac with no tags was stolen. A man had asked to inspect the vehicle; a salesperson gave him the keys so he could start the vehicle, and the man drove off in it. The thief had arrived with another man, who followed in their vehicle, an off-white Nissan 300ZX. The man who stole the Cadillac is described as black, in his 30s, 5'10", 270 lbs., with black hair in cornrows and wearing a leather coat.

7800 block of Walker Drive, Jan. 21, a blue 1997 Porsche 911 with Virginia tags POSATTI was stolen.

Vandalisms to, thefts from, and attempted thefts of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 7400 block of Greenway Center Drive, 6100 block of Breezewood Court, 6000 block of Springhill Drive, 8100 block of Mandan Terrace, 7700 block of Mandan Road, 7200 block of Hanover Drive.

Cable Renewal Hearing February 10

The Prince George's County Cable Television Commission will hold a meeting on renewal of the cable television franchises on Wednesday, February 10, 6 p.m., Conference Room 1024, County Administration Building, Upper Marlboro. For more information, contact the Cable Television Commission at 301-952-3990; TDD 301-925-5167.

CABLE

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system more compatible with user equipment. Customer service will be held to much higher standards with fines imposed for non-compliance. Other features of the new agreement include the provision for cable modems and the construction of a fiber optic cable-based countywide institutional network. The renewal agreement will also be held as the standard for any other cable company that wishes to hold a franchise in Greenbelt.

As these negotiations have involved the county and a majority of municipalities, coordination of these actions is crucial to the deal. Since it will take some time to make sure every municipality is on board, the city will request an extension of the current franchise until June 30, 1999. The current franchise is due to expire on February 28, 1999, which does not allow enough time for all municipalities to take the necessary actions. The date of June 30, 1999 is being requested so as to provide a sufficient buffer of time to avoid having to extend the franchise again in the near future. However, it is expected that all of the actions will be completed by the end of March and the city will be operating under the new agreement and ordinance by this time.

Copies of the proposed agreements are available for review at the Greenbelt City Office, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD. Anyone with questions about these documents may contact Beverly Palau, Public Information and Communications Coordinator, at 301-474-8000.

—Beverly Palau

Victorian Parlor Games at Marietta

Marietta House Museum will host an afternoon of 19th century parlor games and amusements from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, January 31. There is a fee. (Not recommended for children under five.) House tours are available for an additional fee. The museum is located at 5626 Bell Station Road, Glenn Dale. For more information, call 301-464-5291 or TTY 301-699-2544.

Volunteers Needed

The University of Maryland's ESOL Conversion Program is looking for volunteers to hold discussion groups with international students during the spring semester (Feb. 22 - May 7). The time commitment is two hours per week for ten weeks. Groups are informal and are scheduled according to volunteers' availability. No teaching experience or foreign language fluency necessary. Contact the Counseling Center's Learning Assistance Service at 301-314-7696 for more information.

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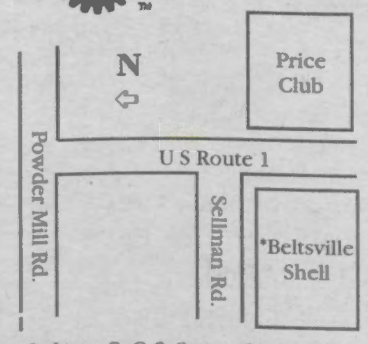
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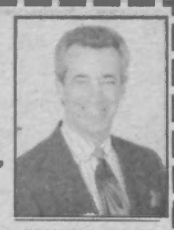
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Remember, pain is the body's way of giving you a message. It's a signal that something is wrong. Even if the toothache goes away, you should go to your dentist for an examination as soon as possible.

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Former Mayor Gil Weidenfeld, standing right, swears in new officers of the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club in December. From left, President James Inzeo, Vice Presidents Kurt Walters, Judith Davis, and Emory Harman, Recording Secretary Isaac Robinson, Vice President Konrad Herling, Treasurer Sylvia Lewis, and Corresponding Secretary Patricia Unger.

- photo by Janet Jacobs-Parker

County Students Play Black Pursuits Game

About 100 students from 16 Prince George's County high schools are hitting the books in preparation for the Prince George's County public library's 14th Annual Black Pursuits Quiz competition, an academic meet that puts a twist on teaching African-American history by challenging students to match wits on questions about black history, biography, culture and current events.

Playing in teams of three, the students will meet in the preliminary rounds of the competition beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 6 at Prince George's Community College, Accokeek Hall. The four highest-scoring teams will advance to the afternoon's semi-finals. The top two teams will then go on to compete in the finals on Saturday, Feb. 20 at 1 p.m. at PGCC, which Tony Perkins of Fox Morning News will moderate.

"We are always looking forward to the competition," said Melanie Caldwell, coach of three-time defending champion Suitland High. "We recognize that there are two new teams this year, but our team is still upbeat, very positive."

Trying to stop Suitland from taking home another Black Pursuits gold cup will be teams from Capitol Christian, Crossland, DeMatha, Fairmount Heights, Forestville, Full Gospel, Gwynn Park, Laurel, Bishop McNamara, Northwestern, Oxon Hill, Queen Anne, Eleanor Roosevelt, Elizabeth Seton and Surrattsville high schools.

Black Pursuits was developed and is produced by staff of the Prince George's County public libraries. This year's corporate supporters are Black Entertainment Television, Jones Communications, Prince George's Community College, the Prince George's Journal, and Prince George's Plaza.

The Black Pursuit matches will air Feb. 15-20 on cable channels 24A and 24B. For more information, call the library at 301-659-3500.

Sound Scene

by Nick Mydra

Do the names Rachel and Jaqui sound familiar? Last Saturday night at the New Deal Cafe they were the entertainment for the evening. For me the names sounded slightly familiar. As soon as they started to play, I knew they had been at the New Deal before, Rachel-Ann Cross on guitar and Jaqui Macmillan on the African drum.

Each time I see them perform I am impressed. Their style, music and stage presence are first-rate. Their music is a combination of folk, rock and rhythmic ethnic. Having gone to the movie festival for the 7:25 show, I got to hear Rachel and Jaqui's second half performance, which included "Woman on the Way to Heaven," "The River," and "Shakin' the Tree," a Peter Gabriel song. You won't find any of their music on a Top 40 station. I was told they performed songs like "Love," and "Passion," songs they have recorded; in the first half of the evening.

"Come up and get a rhythm instrument like the seed pod, or how about a fake orange with seeds in it, and perform songs with us," was a suggestion they repeated during the evening. They had most of the audience playing along.

Rachel and Jaqui have been together about 10 years and are part of a larger group, "Big Village," reflecting on how well they play together.

At the end of the evening, the two were joined by Trevor Siegal who also plays the African drum. You can't beat it—if you'll pardon a pun.

The film festival brought a few more people to the New Deal Cafe, and Rachel-Ann and Jaqui on January 23 were a musical hit.

Slide Show Features Blacks in the West

The National Park Service will host a slide show and lecture entitled "The Black West: Black Cowboys and Indians," Saturday, February 13, from 2 - 3 p.m., at the Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National Historic Site, located at 1318 Vermont Avenue, N.W.

George Circling Eagle, a black Indian of mixed African, Cherokee, Apache, and Blackfoot heritage, is an actor, composer, and producer of several award-winning off-Broadway musicals. He will present the little known story of African Americans who shaped the West in the nineteenth century. He will introduce his audience to a cast of characters including Clara Brown, a slave who helped bring African Americans to Colorado, and to Stagecoach Mary.

The program is part of an ongoing series of public programs offered at the Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National Historic Site. For additional information on this program and other events, please call 202-673-2402.

Help Kids Make A Job Shadow

Prince George's County Public Schools are looking for companies and organizations to provide students with an opportunity to explore a career on February 2, Groundhog Job Shadow Day. Students will spend the day at a designated company learning valuable information about a specific career and the world of work. Companies interested in participating should call the Groundhog Job Shadow Day Hotline at 301-856-4550.

Emotionally Disabled Need Volunteers

The Pathways Schools Hyattsville Re-entry Program, working with 7th and 8th grade students with emotional disabilities, needs a storyteller and puppeteer to tell African stories, a physical education class assistant and classroom assistants to supervise a small group, possibly assisting with and guiding art projects. Call Lindsay McLaughlin at 301-649-0778 for more information.

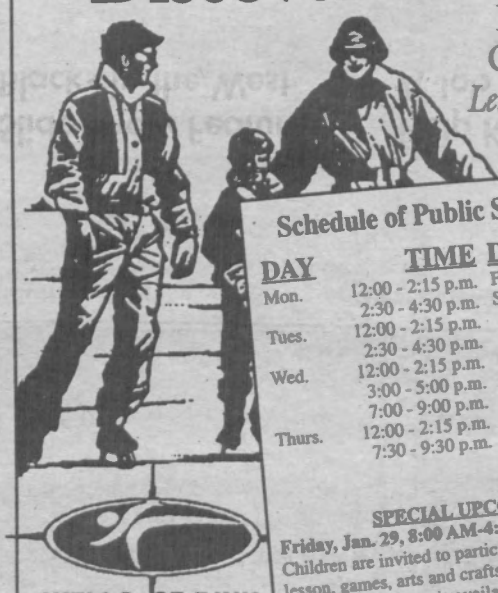
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Wednesday, February 3, 1999
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1. Call to Order
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3. Greenbrook Lake/Schrom Hills Park Trails Plan
4. CDBG Road Reconstruction Project - Westway
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	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.		7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Thurs.	12:00 - 2:15 p.m.	Sun.	10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
	7:30 - 9:30 p.m.		1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
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			7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, Jan. 29, 8:00 AM-4:00 PM ICE 'N EASY DAY Children are invited to participate in a beginniner ice skating lesson, games, arts and crafts and ice skating, Before care and after care hours is available for a fee.
AGES 6-12. FEE: Bi-County $25.00: Non-Bicounty $30.00. Call for before care hours, after care hours and fees.
Friday, January 29, 12:00 Noon-2:15PM or 3:00-5:00 PM School's Out Ice Skate Special
Do you have the day off? Well, here's your chance to join us for a special skate rate!
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Saturday, February 6 & 20, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM Indoor Flea Market. A great opportunity to make extra money off of the old treasures you no longer want or need. Shop til you drop!
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